

HONORABLE REAGAN TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE PRESIDING

The Madison County Fiscal Court convened in regular session on the 8th day of September, 2015 at 9:30AM in the Municipal Building, Berea, Kentucky. Present was the Honorable Reagan Taylor in the chair presiding and the following members of the Fiscal Court: Roger Barger, Tom Botkin, Larry Combs and John Tudor were present. Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle, County Attorney, Marc Robbins, and Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger were also present.

It being determined a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

Judge Taylor asked Pastor Ed Cortez to open the meeting with prayer. Judge Taylor asked Sheriff Coyle to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: Approval of Minutes:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin, to approve the minutes from the August 25th, 2015 regularly called meeting.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: FEMA Request for Public Assistance

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to allow the Judge to enter into an agreement with FEMA to accept funds from recent flooding.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Appoint Judge Executive as Applicant Agent for FEMA Agreement:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to appoint the Judge Executive as the applicant agent for the FEMA Agreement.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: 2015 Tax Rate for Madison County:

There was some discussion about the tax rate remaining the same as 2014. Madison County Treasurer Glenna Baker spoke up and stated that the tangible tax rate is reached through calculations when the Property Tax Rate is set. Magistrate Combs asked if the court would be willing to lower the tax rate to 8.2% to give the citizens a little break. Judge Taylor stated that he did not want to lower the rate at this point until the infrastructure of the county was stable. At this point the Judge asked for a motion.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Roger Barger to set the Madison County Tax for Property at 8.3% and the Tangible Tax Rate as 9.267% for the 2015 tax bills.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- No
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Madison County Motor Vehicle Tax Rate for 2015:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to set the Madison County Vehicle (vehicles, water craft, air craft) tax rate at .10 per \$100 on the 2015 tax bills.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Copier Service Account:

Chris Iseral spoke with the court about the advantages of having a service contract with one vendor. He spoke at length about the cost per copy lowering with the buying power added with multiple offices using the same company.

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to sign a contract for copier service for the Madison County Fiscal Court.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: 2nd Reading of Ordinance 15-10 Madison County Ethics Code:

Magistrate Botkin commented that it aligns well with the Administrative Code.

Motion by Tom Botkin, seconded by Roger Barger for 2nd Reading of 15-10 Madison County Ethics Code:

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Appointment Madison County Search and Rescue Coordinator:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to appoint William Hicks as the Search and Rescue Coordinator with a term expiration 08/28/2019.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes

Reagan Taylor – Yes

IN RE: Appointment Madison County Utility Board:

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by Tom Botkin to appoint Dilliard H. Hill II to the Madison County Utility Board with a term expiration of 01/01/2018.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Personnel Battlefield Golf Course:

This position will now be an hourly position. Benefits were offered to employee but were declined

Motion by Roger Barger seconded by John Tudor to change Gary Vanderhoff's position from salary to an hourly rate of \$9.00 per hour.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

IN RE: Personnel Road Department/ Truck Driver:

Motion by John Tudor seconded by Tom Botkin to re-hire Henry Reeves as a truck driver at the hourly rate of \$13.50 for the Road Department with a six month probationary period.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes	Roger Barger-Yes
John Tudor- Yes	Larry Combs- Yes
Reagan Taylor – Yes	

Judge's Report:

Judge Taylor proudly announced that Whitehall Park did re-open on Friday September 4th, at 4PM.

The only restriction will be that there will be no activities involving fishing until April 2016.

The deadline for the Charitable on line application is September 30th. Everyone remember the tire collection event September 17th-19th.

Please take a moment on the historic day of Friday, September 11th to remember those who lost their lives.

Announcements:

Arts Gala is on September 11th at 5:30PM.

Judge Taylor asked if any Department Heads would like to speak.

Scott Tussey the Solid Waste Coordinator informed the court about the two waste collection events. The tire disposal event is September 17th-19th from 8am-4:30pm daily. The drops off locations are 2441 Lexington Road in Richmond and 208 S Broadway in Berea.

The second event is the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. It will be held on October 17th from 9am-3pm at 208 Clarksville Lane. If you have any questions about what can be dropped off you can call the office. We have flyers and posters up all over the county the guidelines.

Scott gave the court an update on the Animal Shelter. We have taken steps to modernize the shelter and now have our adoptable animals on the web site. We have already had 3 of the 4 animals featured adopted. We are working with the Humane Society and several other rescue groups.

Comments from Magistrates:

Magistrate Botkin thanked Michael Bryant for the work on the diesel leak and working with the State and EPA. He reminded the court that the Toys for Tots bass fishing tournament will be on Saturday, September 12th at Wilgreen Lake. If you have any questions or would like to register, call 893-4067. The cost to enter is \$60.00.

Magistrate Tudor

Magistrate Tudor thanked Scott Tussey for all the work on the waste product picks up events that are scheduled. The Meadowbrook culvert is in. I hope that the blacktopping will get underway soon.

Magistrate Barger

Magistrate Barger commented on the Whitehall Park being reopened and what an asset it is for your County. He concluded by thanking Chris and Ryan from the IT Department on what a good job that they do.

Magistrate Combs

Magistrate Combs asked the judge were we stood on the blacktop. Judge Taylor stated that the bids were out and the contract would be approved at the next court meeting. Magistrate Combs stated that he was still not happy with the amount that was being spent in his district. He said he did not know what kind of back room deals were done, but he was not included in the decision. Judge Taylor replied by informing the court that Magistrate Combs did not attend the scheduled meetings and that he took offense to the comment about the back room deals. Judge Taylor then stated that he has focused on fairness in all the decisions that have been made while he has been in office. Magistrate Combs addressed County Attorney Robbins and asked him to call the Attorney General about KRS 68.810 (Open Meetings). County Attorney Robbins replied by stating that the meeting were within the statue guidelines. The Judge stated that he was aware of Magistrate Combs's call to the office when he made the statement that he was not going to attend the meetings. The conversation concluded with the Judge saying that communications is the key to success.

Additional comments were made throughout the conversation about the number of miles of road that each district contained. Magistrate Combs questioned the number of citizens that were in each district since the reapportionment. Clerk Barger interjected by stating the numbers were + or – 5%.

Judge Taylor asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak.

IN RE: Pay Claims and Approve Transfers:

Motion by Roger Barger, seconded by Tom Botkin to approve pay claims and transfers.

Motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Tom Botkin-Yes

Roger Barger-Yes

John Tudor- Yes

Larry Combs-Yes

Reagan Taylor-Yes

ANNOUNCE NEXT COURT DATE:

Judge announced the next court date for September 22nd, 2015 in Richmond at 9:30AM.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Tom Botkin to adjourn, seconded by Roger Barger. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:37AM.

REAGAN TAYLOR MADISON CO. JUDGE/EXECUTIVE